Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know, Sir, whether this Committee has submitted a report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When was it submitted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About six weeks back or it might be justabout two months, somewhere about it.

Mr. K T. Mathew.—When was the last meeting of the Committee held?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not remember the exact date. But the report was received here about 6 or 8 weeks back. We have not yet received the supplementary note from Mr. Salem. He was a member of the Committee. He did not sign the report as he was not here. So we are expecting the supplementary note from him also.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has he been reminded?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Purchase of patta for arrack.

35. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state what the total purchase amount of Patta used in making arrack?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The amounts for the past ten years are given below:

Year	*Price of patta.* Rs.
1099	2,635
1100 ..	2,006
1101	2,091
1102 ..	2,142
1103	2,227
1104	2,414
1105 ..	2,703
1106 ..	1,666
1107 ..	1,241
1108 ..	1,105

Fees levied under the Indian Companies Act.

36. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Indian Companies Act is not followed in toto in the State;

(b) whether they are aware that a fee of Rs. 5 is levied in the State for filing with the Registrar the serial returns required by the Act to be filed with him whereas the said fee has been reduced to Rs.3 in British India by a Government Notification (Section 259, Table B. 5)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes, with suitable modifications.

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(b) The fee levied in the State is Rs. 5. Government are not aware of any reduction in fee in British India.

Applications for searches of copies in Registry Offices.

37. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

with regard to fees for search of entries in the Registration Volumes

(a) whether the term search does not connote that the person applying for the search is not in full possession of the particulars of the document he has in mind;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, does not the D. O. No. 62 of the Registration Manual work hardship on the parties;

(c) whether they are aware what the practice is in the sister State of Travancore and in British India in the case contemplated by the said D. O.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran —(a) Yes.

No complaint or report has yet been received by Government that the provision in D. O. 62 works hardship.

(b) In British India parties are given the option to note at foot of the application the year or years in which the search should be continued if the required entry be not found in the year mentioned in the application.

(c) The practice in Travancore is being ascertained.

Registration endorsements—need for change in procedure.

38. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that in the copying of the documents in the Register Volumes of the Registration Department the body of the document in certain cases extend to but one page of the volume and the endorsements go to about four pages?

(b) if so, whether this wasting away of the stationery cannot be reduced by allotting more space for endorsements in each page of the volume by drawing a black line in the middle of the page at the time of copying the document?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—(a) Yes.

(b) There is no order prohibiting the use of more space for endorsement by drawing a black line in the middle of the page at the time of copying the document and more space is being allotted in such cases for endorsement. Specific provision has been also made to that effect in the draft of the Revised Manual.

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